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BLOOD GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 262 MONTHS PRISON FOR DISTRIBUTION OF CRACK COCAINE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- PAUL K. CHARLTON, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced that Dewayne Askins was sentenced to 262 months prison and 5 years supervised release for the crime of possession with intent to distribute fifty grams or more of cocaine base.

Defendant, a member of the Piru Blood Street gang from Compton, California, was found guilty by jury verdict on December 4, 2002 for distributing two ounces (56 grams) of crack cocaine. The defendant was sentenced on February 24, 2003 before the Honorable Susan R. Bolton.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Violent Street Gang Task Force. The prosecution was handled by James L. Burke, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona.

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